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Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, December 24, 2015

8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity: Dec 23-24



Significant Events: Severe Weather – Eastern U.S.

Significant Weather:

- Severe Thunderstorms/ Flash Flooding – Central Gulf Coast to Mid-Atlantic
- Heavy snow – Upper elevations of Pacific Northwest, California, Central Great Basin, Southwest & Rockies
- Red Flag Warnings: None; Elevated/Critical Fire Weather: None
- Space Weather:
 - Past 24 hours: minor, reaching R1 radio blackouts occurred
 - Next 24 hours: no space weather predicted

Declaration Activity:

- Major Disaster Declaration – Idaho (FEMA-4246-DR-ID)

Severe Weather – Eastern U.S.



Situation:

- Widespread tornado outbreak impacted Lower Mississippi, Tennessee & Ohio Valleys
- Preliminary reports of 29 possible tornados, 211 wind & 35 hail events

Impacts:

- Region IV: Approximately 14k customers w/o power (DOE Eagle-I as of 7:00 a.m. EST)
 - 3 confirmed & 2 unconfirmed fatalities; over 40 injured
 - 3 shelters open in MS with 1 occupant
 - Downed trees & power lines, road closures & damage to numerous homes & businesses
- Region V: Approximately 153k (137k MI) customers w/o power (DOE Eagle-I as of 7:00 a.m. EST)
 - No fatalities or injuries reported
 - Downed trees & power lines, damage to several homes & businesses
- Region VI: Approximately 1k w/o power (DOE Eagle-I as of 7:00 a.m. EST)
 - 1 unconfirmed fatality reported in AR
 - Downed trees & power lines, damage to homes & businesses

State Response:

- MS and TN EOCs at Partial Activation
- KY EOC activated to Level IV (Monitoring)
- TN declared a State of Emergency for Severe Storms

FEMA Response:

Region IV:

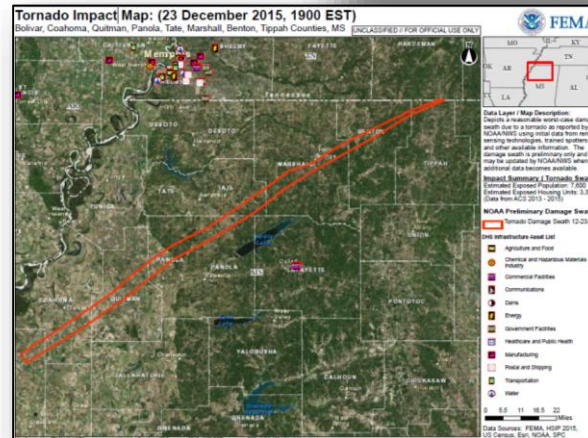
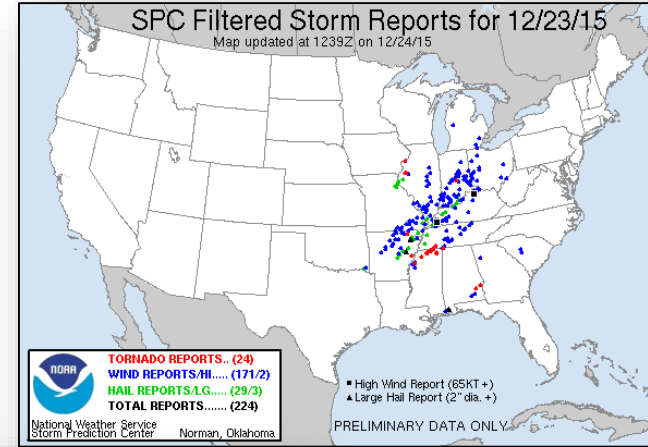
- RRCC not activated; RWC at Enhanced Watch

Region V, VI, VII:

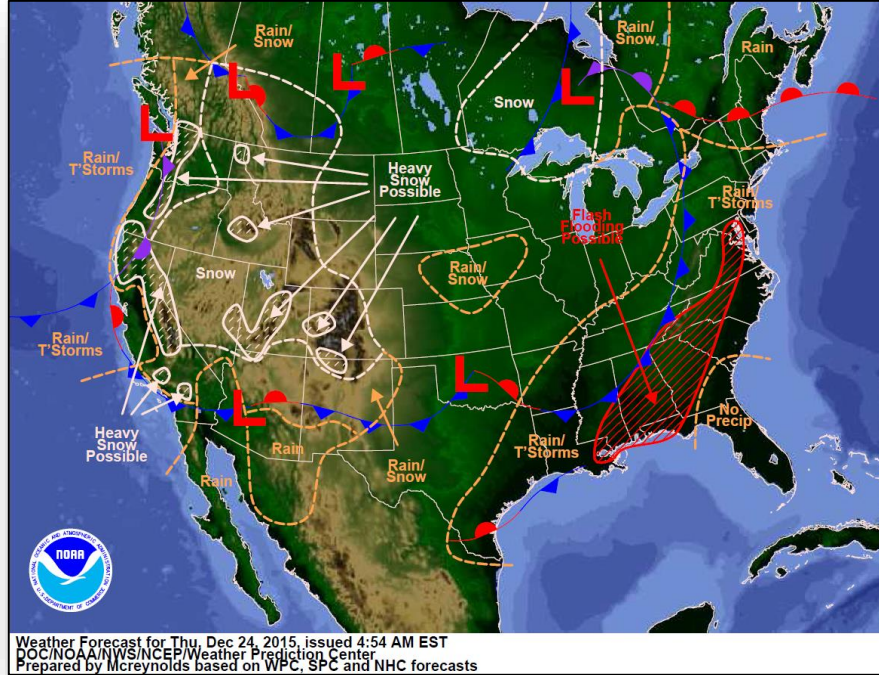
- RRCC not activated; RWC/MOC at Normal Ops

FEMA HQ:

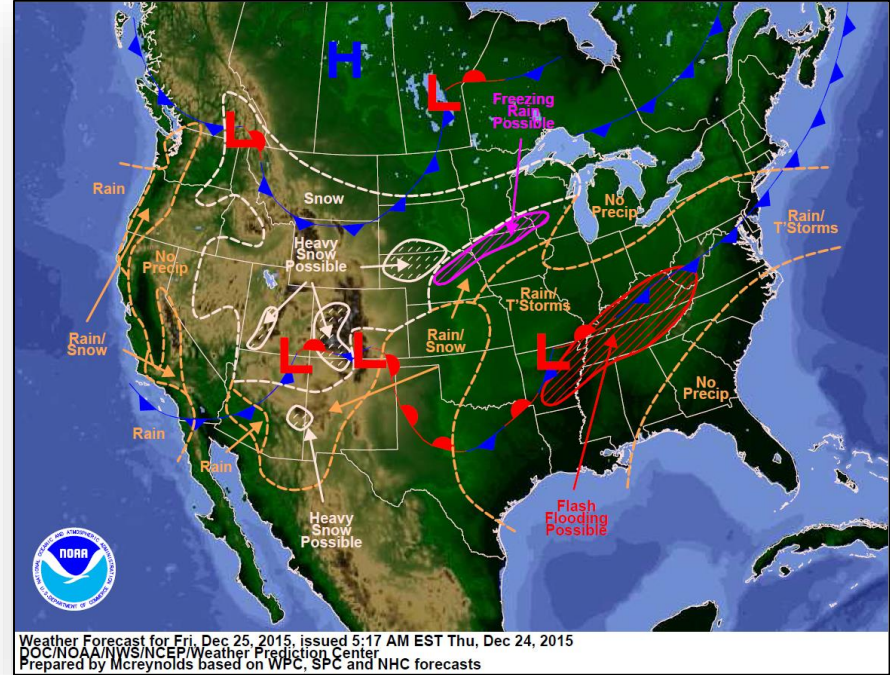
- NRCC is not activated; NWC at Watch/Steady State (24/7)



National Weather Forecast



Today

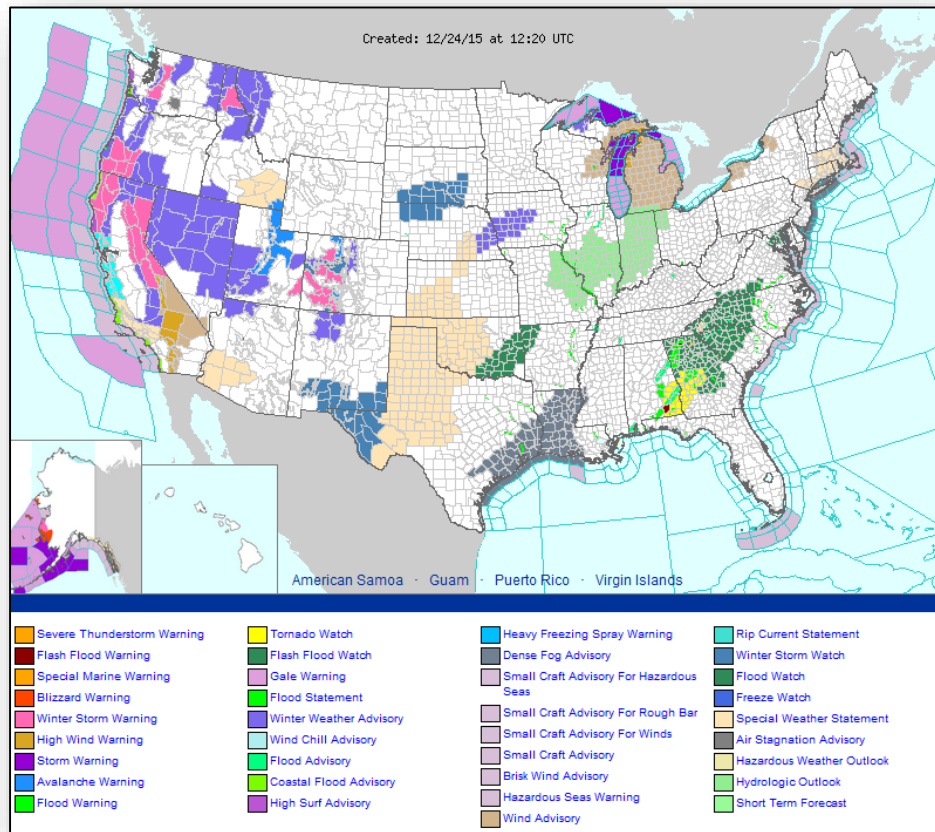


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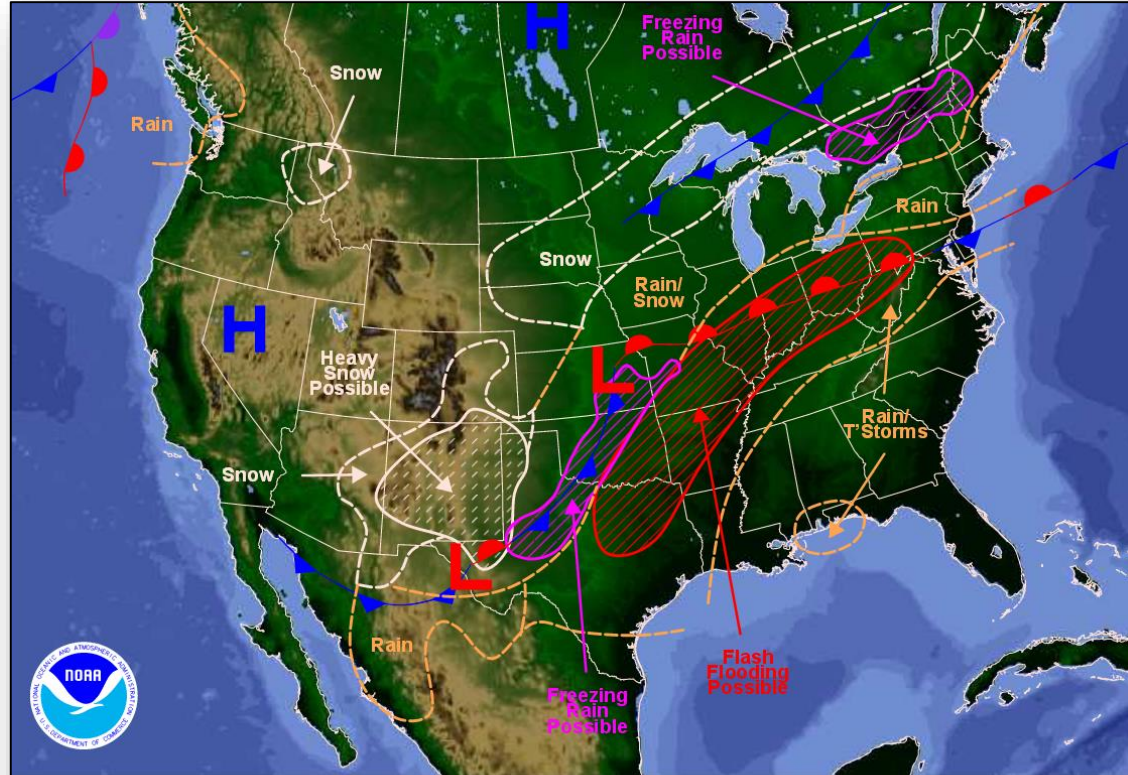
Active Watches/Warnings



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National Forecast - Day 3 (Saturday)

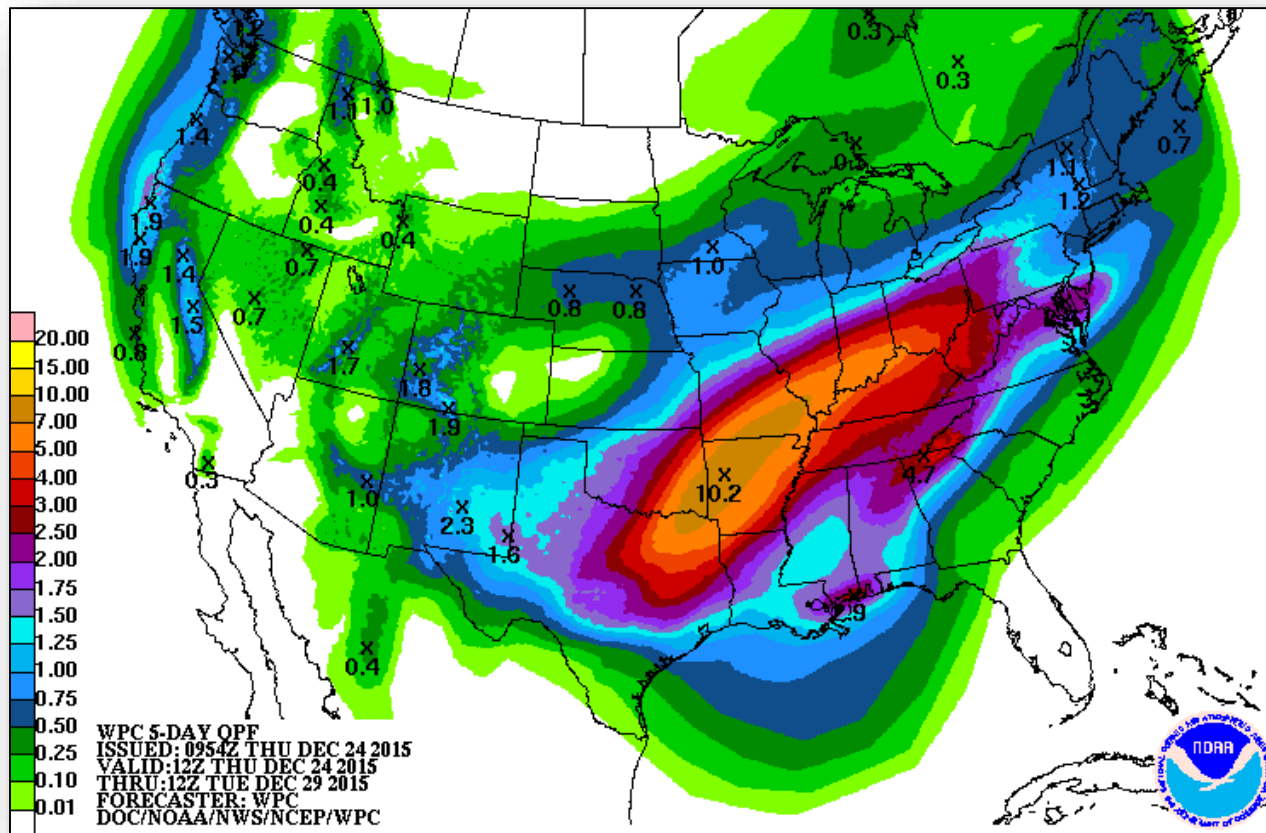


Weather Forecast for Sat, Dec 26, 2015, issued 5:20 AM EST Thu, Dec 24, 2015
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Precipitation Forecast – 5 Day Total



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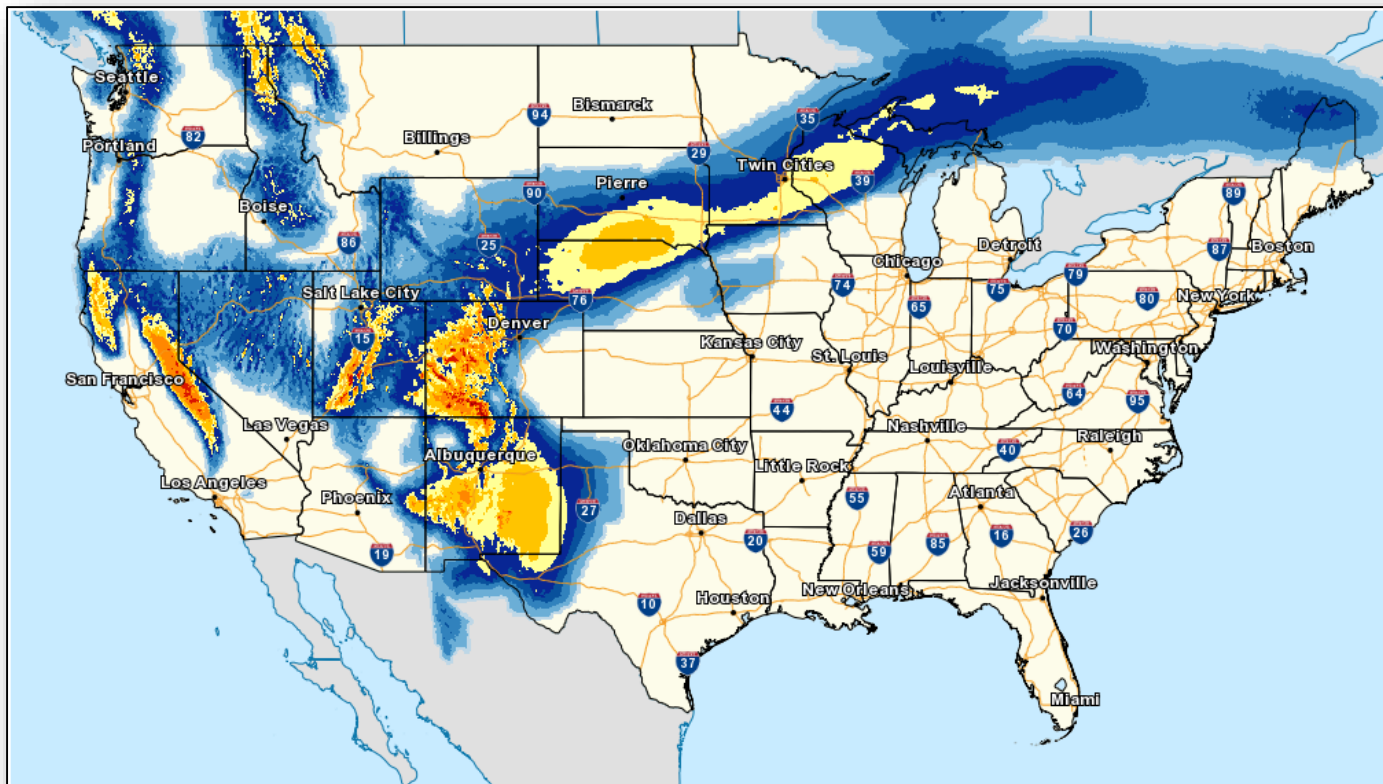


Snowfall Forecast



Total Forecast Snowfall

- Less than an inch
- 1 to 2 inches
- 2 to 3 inches
- 3 to 4 inches
- 4 to 6 inches
- 6 to 8 inches
- 8 to 12 inches
- 12 to 18 inches
- 18 to 24 inches
- 24 to 30 inches
- 30 to 36 inches
- Greater than 36 inches

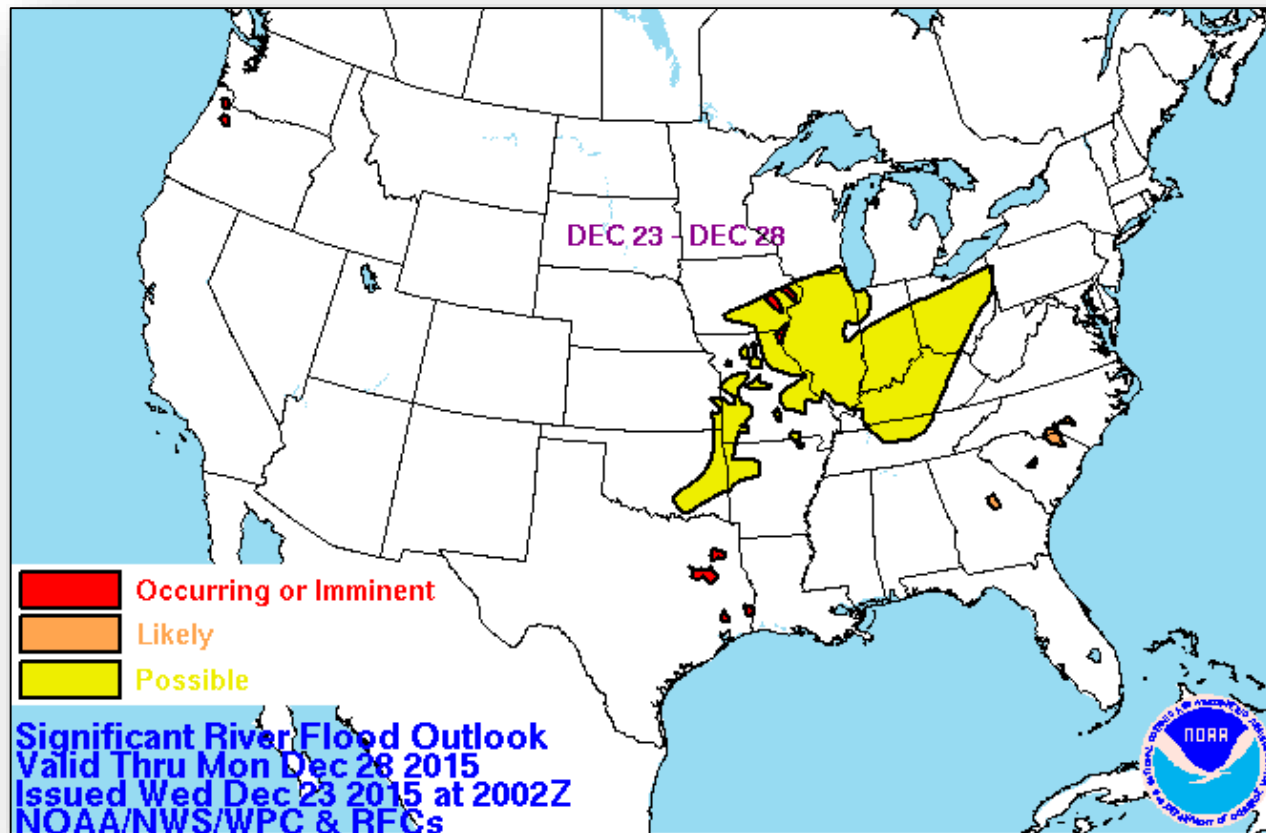
Below the snowfall scale are two circular logos. The one on the left is the NOAA logo, with "NOAA" at the top and "NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE" around the bottom. The one on the right is the National Weather Service logo, with "NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE" around the top and "U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE" around the bottom.

Valid ending at Sunday December 27th, 2015 at 7 AM EST
Created Thursday December 24th, 2015 at 7:42 AM EST

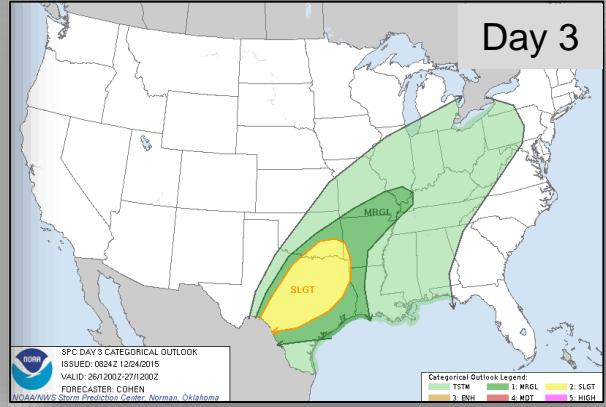
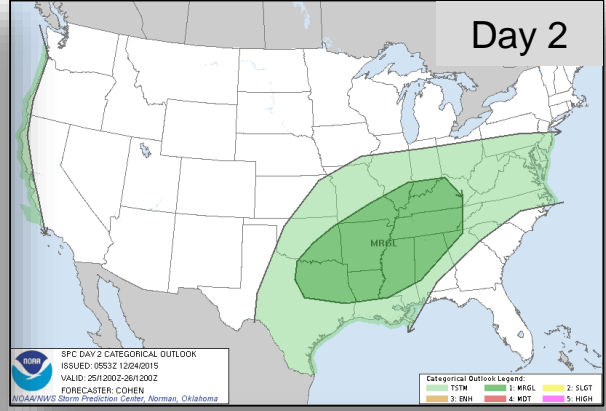
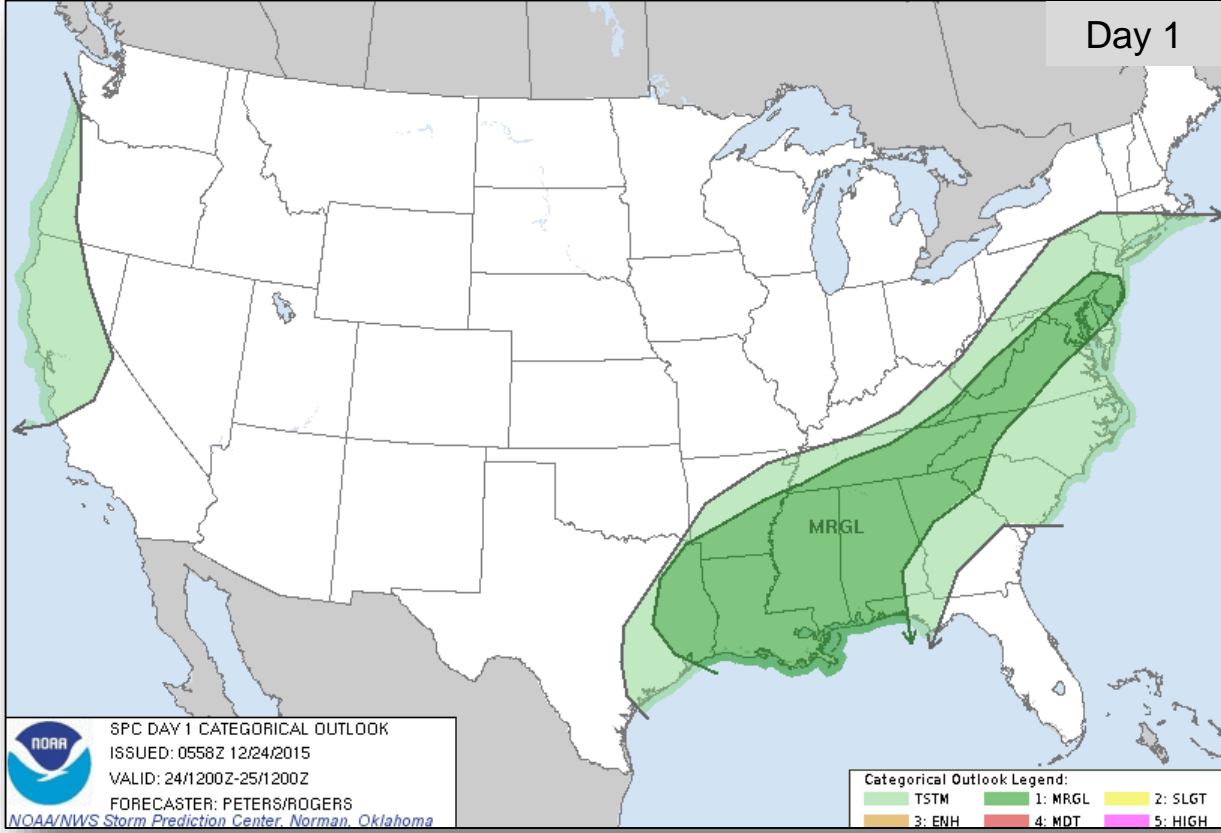
Significant River Flood Outlook



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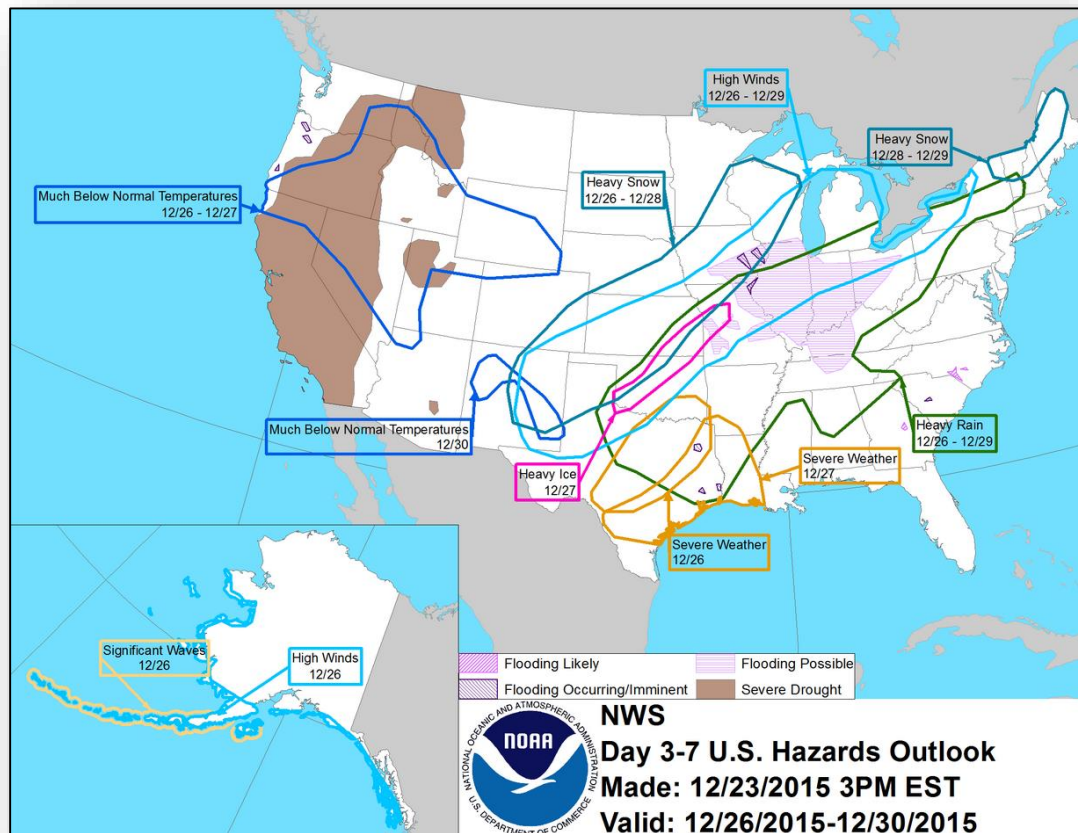
Severe Weather Outlook, Days 1-3



Hazard Outlook, Dec 26-30



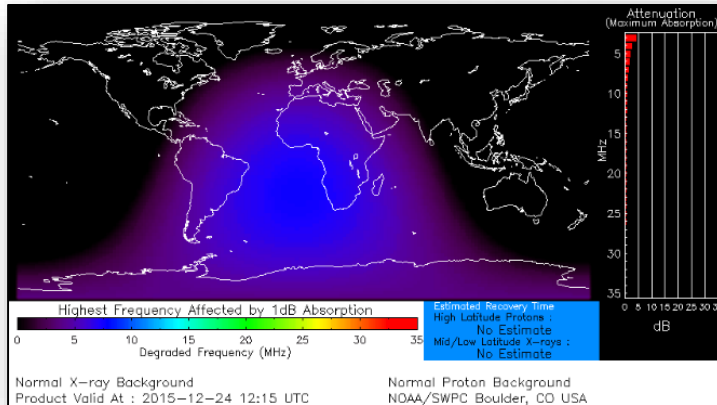
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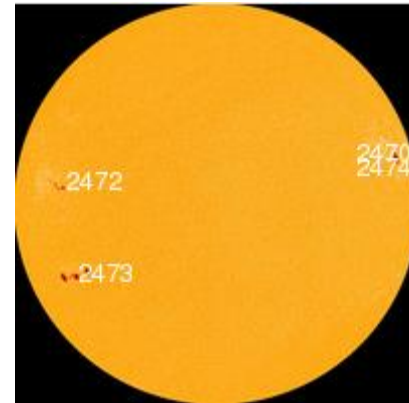
Space Weather

	Past 24 Hours	Current	Next 24 Hours
Space Weather Activity	Minor	None	None
Geomagnetic Storms	None	None	None
Solar Radiation Storms	None	None	None
Radio Blackouts	R1	None	None

HF Communication Impact



Sunspot Activity



Disaster Requests & Declarations



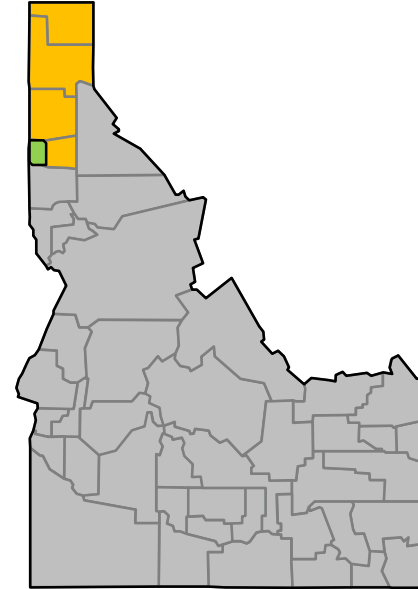
Declaration Requests in Process		Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
1	Date Requested	1	0
ID – DR Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds	December 16, 2015	Approved December 23, 2015	
OK – DR Severe Winter Storms and Flooding	December 17, 2015		

Major Disaster Declaration – Idaho



FEMA-4246-DR-Idaho

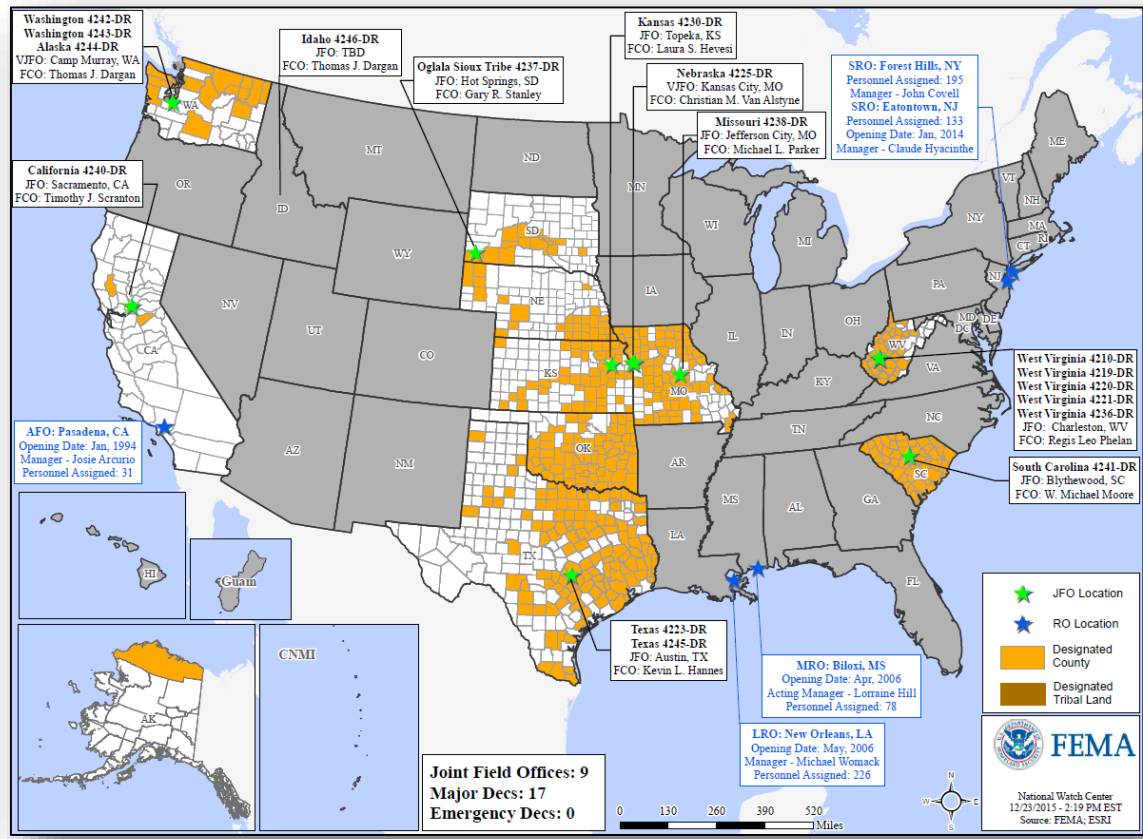
- Major Disaster Declaration approved December 23, 2015
- For severe storm and straight-line winds on November 17, 2015
- Provides:
 - Public Assistance for four counties and Coeur d'Alene Reservation
 - Hazard Mitigation statewide
- FCO is Thomas J. Dargan



Declared counties

Declared Reservation

Open Field Offices as of December 24



FEMA Readiness – Deployable Teams /Assets



Deployable Teams/Assets									
Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Detailed, Deployed, Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion
FCO		38	18	47%	0	3	17		OFDC Readiness: FCO Green Yellow Red Type 1 3+ 2 1 Type 2 4+ 3 2 Type 3 4 3 2 FDRC 3 2 1
FDRC		8	3	38%	0	0	5		
US&R		28	27	96%	0	1	0	NM-TF1 (Red) - Personnel shortages	
National IMAT		3	3	100	0	0	0		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green: 3 avail • Yellow: 1-2 avail • Red: 0 avail (<i>Individual N-IMAT red if 50% of Section Chiefs and/or Team Leader is unavailable for deployment.</i>)
Regional IMAT		13	7	54%	1	1	4	Deployed: RVI (Team 2) Deployed to TX RVII Deployed to MO RIX (Team 2) Deployed to CA RX Deployed to WA PMC: RIX (Team 1) Reconstituting from CNMI NMC: RV (Team 1) Red – Personnel Shortages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green: 7 or more avail • Yellow: 4 - 6 teams available • Red: > 8 teams deployed/unavailable <i>R-IMAT also red if TL Ops/Log Chief is unavailable & has no qualified replacement</i>
MCOV		59	39	66%	0	13	7	3 MCOVs deployed to SC (FEMA-4241-DR) 4 MCOVs deployed to TX (FEMA-4245-DR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green = 80 – 100% avail • Yellow = 60 – 79% avail • Red = 59% or below avail • Readiness remains 95%

FEMA Readiness – National/Regional Teams



National/Regional Teams									
Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Status	Comments	Rating Criterion
NWC		5	5	100%	0	0	Watch/Steady State		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green = FMC • Yellow = PMC • Red = NMC
NRCC		2	344	89%	0	44	Not Activated		
HLT		1	N/A	N/A	0	0	Not Activated		
DEST							Not Activated		
RRCCs		10	10	100%	0	0	Not Activated		
RWCs/MOCs		10	10	100%	0	0	Activated	Region IV – Enhanced Watch	



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